



U.S. Government Funded Exchange Programs



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USG Funded Programs

- Short-term study, non-degree
 - MEPI Programs
 - Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI)
 - Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program (IYLEP)
 - Fulbright Scholar Program
- Long-term study, non-degree
 - Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA)
 - Humphrey Fellowship
- Master's Degree
 - Fulbright Student Program



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MEPI Student Leaders Program

What is it?

- Six weeks (summer) with other student leaders from North Africa and Middle East
 - Leadership skills, Civil Society, Democratic process

Who can apply?

- Current students, 18-24 years old
- Strong English ability
- Demonstrated leadership qualities

When can I apply?

- Watch for the announcement in winter

U.S.-Middle East Partnership Initiative



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MEPI Leaders for Democracy Fellowship

What is it?

- Three months (April to June)
- Academics: leadership, communication and conflict resolution
- Professional assignment: 6-week internship with political, public policy, or non-governmental organization

Who can apply?

- Active youth leaders, 24 - 30 years old
- Strong English ability
- Demonstrated leadership qualities

When can I apply?

- Watch for the announcement in winter



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Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI)

What is it?



- Five weeks (summer) with other student leaders from around the world
 - Intensive academic, theme focused programs: Religious Pluralism, Women's Leadership
 - Goal: offer participants a deeper understanding of the United States, while simultaneously enhancing their leadership skills

Who can apply?

- Current undergraduate students

Note: There are programs for school teachers and university professors

- Strong English ability
- Demonstrated leadership qualities



When can I apply?

- Winter announcement



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Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program (IYLEP)

What is it?

- Four weeks (summer) with other Iraqi students
- Leadership training and academics
- Each institute will consist of classroom instruction, field trips, site visits, community engagement, leadership training, conflict resolution, and cultural exchanges



Who can apply?

- High school students (15-18 years old)
 - Must have one year of high school remaining
- Undergraduate students (18-24 years old)
 - Must be in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year of studies
- Strong English ability
- Demonstrated leadership qualities

When can I apply?

- Watch for the announcement in September



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Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

- What is it?
 - Ten weeks (summer) with other Iraqi Professors
 - Faculty development, mentoring, and cultural exchange activities
 - Introduced to new teaching and research methods, observe classes, attend seminars, and develop linkages with American faculty



Please note that while an introduction to new research methods in the scholars' disciplines does constitute one component of the program, it is not intended to provide a venue for individual research

- Who can apply?
 - Junior Faculty (full-time) at Iraqi Universities
 - Should have:
 - Master's degree and at least five years of university-level teaching experience or
 - PhD and no more than five years of teaching experience
 - Life-long commitment to classroom teaching and a desire to strengthen their teaching and leadership skills
 - Demonstrate fluency in spoken and written English
- When can I apply?
 - Watch for the announcement in the fall



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Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA)

- Nine-month, non-degree for teachers of English an opportunity to
 - Refine their teaching skills
 - Increase their English language proficiency
 - Teaching Arabic to U.S. students and strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities
 - Community outreach projects, conversation groups, and extracurricular activities in their host communities
- FLTA participants may assist or teach up to two Arabic language classes and must enroll in at least two courses per semester at the host institution, one of which must be in American Studies. The remaining coursework should relate to their careers in English language teaching. FLTA participants are expected to facilitate cultural events and language clubs.

Who can apply?

- Current or soon-to-be teachers of English, Journalism, American Studies, Literature
- 21 to 29 years old
- Fluency in English and Arabic

When can I apply?

- Watch for announcement in May



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Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program



What is it?

- One year, non-degree program for accomplished mid-career professionals with demonstrated leadership potential
- graduate-level, academic coursework and professional development activities (internships)
- VERY COMPETITIVE - Only 200 Fellowships are awarded worldwide annually
- Goals:
 - Establish and enhance long-lasting productive partnerships and relationships
 - Develop leaders whose knowledge and skills have been informed by exposure to American values, models and ideas – leaders who will have a multiplier effect on their societies
 - Expand and improve the range of international exchange and training programs; and
 - Increase U.S. citizens' knowledge and understanding of international issues and of other cultures and societies.
- Who can apply?
 - University degree (bachelor's)
 - Minimum five years of substantial professional experience
 - Demonstrated leadership qualities and a record of public service
 - Proficiency in written and spoken English

When can I apply?

- Watch for announcement in May



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Fulbright Foreign Student Program

Program Overview

- Launched by the U.S. Congress and the late U.S. Senator William J. Fulbright in 1946, with the specific goal to increase international cultural understanding through academic exchange.
- The United States' most prestigious scholarship program
- **Fully funded two years of study at a U.S. university, at the Master's degree level**
 - The program funds all costs relating to tuition, travel, accommodations, living stipends, and health insurance.
- All disciplines and academic fields of study are available under this program, with the exception of medicine and other clinical studies
- The Fulbright Selection Committee at the U.S. Embassy nominates candidates from a variety of academic disciplines, from all parts of Iraq



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Fulbright Foreign Student Program

Eligibility Requirements

- Must hold BA or BS from an accredited university
- Two years of work experience after BA or BS
- Very strong TOEFL scores and academic achievement
- Clearly defined academic and professional goals
- Commitment to return to Iraq



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- All participants are selected through a open merit-based competition
 - It's not just about you academic scores and English proficiency
 - Leadership, commitment to Iraq, clear vision for academic and professional goals are all vital to the selection process
- Do not compare yourself to others
- Plagiarism results in immediate disqualification

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